

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1096 without my signature.

In any bill designed to increase voter participation, we have to balance that goal against the potential increase in voter fraud. This bill eliminates the requirement that an absentee voter must be ill or disabled to have someone return his or her ballot to the polling place. If the Legislature desires to lower certain standards in favor of convenience, they must include other measures that put additional safeguards in place to protect against voter fraud and ensure that those individuals returning ballots are eligible and truly authorized to do so.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger